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Chairman G. O'Neal Hamilton
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
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Re: Docket No. 2005-385-E Order No. 2006-680

Dear Chairman Hamilton,

The Lowcountry Estuarium is a private non-profit environmental education organization located in Port Royal, SC. We are in the initial conceptual design phase for a new facility also in Port Royal. Engineers with SCE&G have reviewed preliminary architectural drawings and estimate annual electric fees at \$17,000 to \$24,000.

The additional cost of investment in photovoltaic technology is being considered as the location for the future facility is highly suitable for solar power generation. The adoption of net metering standards by the PSC would make the solar option much more attractive.

I ask that the PSC afford the same incentive for electric power conservation to South Carolina's residential and commercial public utility customers as that provided in 40 other states with the adoption of an all inclusive net metering standard.

Sincerely,

Bob Bender
Curator
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